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The Stone-Goebel Combine Organized the Convention.

David R. Redwine Their Choice For Temporary Chairman.

SPECIAL TO THE KENTUCKIAN.

Louisville, Ky., June 22.—Convention Hall.—It was close to high noon, and the mercury stood almost to boiling point, when the great convention called to nominate candidates for State offices, and to make a platform for them to stand and win upon, was called to order by Chairman Johnston.

Rarely if ever before, has a Democratic convention in Kentucky been attended with questions of all absorbing interest as surround this one.

With victory in the air—and a once more united party to the fore—the ticket nominated will receive an old time Democratic majority.

The first thing in order was the selection of a temporary chairman, the vote for which is given below.

Temporary Chairman.

For Redwine (Stone-Goebel).....551 1-6
For Sweeney (Hardin).....529 5-6
Necessary to choice (11 votes not counted).....541

After eight hours of the most intense excitement, due chiefly to the closeness of the situation, the combined forces of Capt. W. J. Stone and Senator William Goebel effected a temporary organization of the Democratic State Convention by electing a chairman in the person of Judge David B. Redwine, of Breathitt county. His opponent the representative of the Hardin side, was Capt. W. H. Sweeney, of Washington county.

After prayer by Rev. H. R. Coleman, of Louisville, the chairman called for nominations for temporary chairman, and amid a storm of applause Ollie James, of the First district, presented the name of Judge David B. Redwine, of Breathitt county. He said:

"I rise for the purpose of placing in nomination as temporary chairman of this convention a Democrat who fears not the encroachments of incorporated wealth of the country. I came forward to present to you the name of a Democrat who has fought a thousand battles for his party and never yet fought one battle against it. I come to present the name of David B. Redwine, of the Tenth congressional district; and the First congressional district and the districts in Western Kentucky propose to join hands with the mountains and put in the gallant Democrat who has often wielded the sword for the indignant Democracy."

Mr. Urey Woodson, of the Second district, seconded in a few appropriate words the nomination of the mountain Democrat for the position.

Secretary Stone then called for the nominations from the other congressional districts, and quiet was maintained until the Eleventh district was called. James Garnett, Jr., of Adair county, arose at this point and placed before the convention the name of Capt. W. H. Sweeney, of Marion county. The Hardin followers applauded but weakly, and fearing that some of the delegates favorable to his favorite might not understand, Mr. John B. Thompson, of Mercer county, came to the footlights and told them that Mr. Sweeney would stick by them if elected. In nominating Sweeney Mr. Garnett said:

"Coming from the Bloody Eleventh where Democrats are known by the fights they have made in the face of the great adverse majority, I desire to place before this convention for temporary Chairman a man who has come into the Eleventh, who has lived in the Fourth, who has traveled over the Third and who has been every district in the State to help fight their battles. I

desire to name a Democrat, and one of the best Democrats in this Commonwealth, a man who, if you elect chairman of this convention, will preside fairly and impartially, but at the same time with firmness. I desire to present to this convention the name of the Hon. W. H. Sweeney, of Marion county."

Chairman Johnston ordered a call of the counties, but many Hardin delegates, late getting into the hall, protested against it until they could be seated. Maj. Johnston again ordered the call peremptorily, and it was begun, with nearly every Hardin delegate on his feet shouting vociferously for Sweeney. It was not long after 11 o'clock when the balloting began, the convention in this respect breaking the record of promptness, and the ballot had not preceded far before it became evident that all records were also to be broken in the length of time consumed in taking it.

And Then the Fun Commenced.

On a call of the contested counties that had been passed during the roll-call the "rough-house" time of the convention began. There was but little discussion over the contest in Ballard, the eight votes being given to Capt. Sweeney, as they were in the settlement of the Calloway county contest. In Bullitt Redwine got four and Sweeney two votes, and in Caldwell the eight votes were divided between them. It looked for some time as if the one vote of Jackson county was to go uncashed, but finally a lone delegate strayed in and cast it for Sweeney.

In the county of Daviess the nineteen votes were given to Redwine, the regular credentials being recognized. This was the first thing to come the way of the anti-Hardin men in the settlement of the contests, and they loudly applauded the action of the chair.

Combine Ahead in First District.

The First district meeting was brief and harmonious. The delegates met promptly at 9 o'clock and the gathering was called to order by Chairman J. D. Mockett, of McCracken county. Ward Headley, of Caldwell, was elected chairman of the meeting, and Clem Nunn, of Hopkins, secretary. Mott Ayres, of Fulton; was elected State Executive Committeeman, and Clem J. Whittemore, of Graves, State Central Committeeman.

George W. Landram, of Livingston, was named for the Committee on Resolutions; R. J. Bugg, of Carlisle, for the Committee on Credentials, and John L. Smith, of Lyon, for the Committee on Organization. J. B. Garnett, of Trigg; R. L. Shemwell, of Marshall, and John F. Cocke, of Ballard, were elected Vice Presidents.

Goebel-Stone Get Second and Hardin Men Bolt.

In the Second congressional district convention the Hardin men bolted and had a convention of their own, although both sides started out together, when, at 9:15 o'clock, Chas. M. Meacham, of Hopkinsville, the Executive Committeeman, called the assemblage to order. His call for nominations for the various posts to be filled started the trouble. John A. Bell, of Union county, was nominated for the district's representative on the Committee on Resolutions. The name of Roy Salmon, of Hopkins county, was

then presented. Instantly Stuart Starling raised the point that L. P. Tanner, Owensboro, who had made this nomination, was not a delegate, had no credentials, and was not entitled to take part in the meeting.

Mr. Tanner, saying he wanted fair play, called upon the Hardin men to assemble a short distance away, and proceeded to hold a bolting convention. In the meantime the regular convention proceeded with its business and chose the following committeemen, who favored the Goebel-Stone combination:

Resolutions—John A. Bell, Union county.
Organization—John L. Dorsey, Henderson county.
Credentials—R. D. Higdon, McLean county.
State Executive Committee—C. M. Meacham, Christian county.
State Central Committee—J. T. Griffith, Daviess county.
Vice President—D. D. Rayborn, Webster county.
Secretary—Charles F. Hart, Union county.

The rival convention, after electing I. H. Robinson, of Daviess county, chairman adopted this slate:

Resolutions—Roy Salmon, Hopkins county.
Organization—G. E. Gary, Christian county.
Credentials—S. V. Dixon, Henderson county.
State Executive Committee—R. B. Bradley, Hopkins county.
State Central Committee—L. P. Tanner, Daviess county.

NEW STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

First District—Mott Ayres, of Graves county.
Second District—Chas. M. Meacham, of Christian county.
Third District—G. W. Roark, of Simpson county.
Fourth District—Ben Ringo, of Ohio county.
Fifth District—Sixth District—John Lassing, of Boone county.
Seventh District—South Trimble, of Franklin county.
Eighth District—Simeon Cook, of

Shelby county.
Ninth District—W. A. Young, of Rowan county.
Tenth District—D. W. Gardner, of Magoffin county.
Eleventh District—Ben Dishman, of Knox county.

NEW STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

First District—Clem. Wittemore, of Fulton county.
Second District—J. T. Griffith, of Daviess county.
Third District—A. G. Rhea, of Logan county.
Fourth District—Thomas Simms, of Washington county.
Fifth District—Sixth District—J. W. Pugh, of Kenton county.
Seventh District—J. J. Hedges, of Scott county.
Eighth District—Jack Chinn, of Mercer county.
Ninth District—Hanson Kennedy, of Nicholas county.
Tenth District—James Hargis, of Breathitt county.
Eleventh District—Ben D. Smith, of Pulaski county.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

First District—R. J. Bugg, of Carlisle county.
Second District—R. G. Higdon, of McLean county.
Third District—John W. Jones, of Barren county.
Fourth District—Ben Johnson, of Nelson county.
Fifth District—Sixth District—V. W. Voiers, of Pendleton county.
Seventh District—W. C. G. Hobbs, of Fayette county.
Eighth District—George T. Faris, of Garrard county.
Ninth District—C. B. Poyntz, of Mason county.
Tenth District—H. F. Fogg, of Eleventh District—Allen Sandridge, of Cumberland county.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

First District—John L. Smith, of Lyon county.
Second District—John L. Dorsey,

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